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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 8-11, 13, 15, 16 and 18-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 6, 7, 12, 14 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-3, 10, 11, 15, 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Julian '580.

Note the finish 42 on the bottle with a flange 24 between an upper and lower sidewall with an upper surface with undulations 38 extending radially from the upper sidewall as claimed. The transition portion is shown at 14 in Figure 3. Note that the section view of the neck in Figure 2 shows the flange as being hollow as known in the art. The bottle or container is considered to have a bottom below the sidewall as is conventional for bottles.

2. Claims 5, 8, 9, 13, 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Julian '580.

Julian characterizes the flange upper surface as having undulations or sawtooth form. The sawtooth is considered to be inclusive of triangular as claimed. The number of peaks is considered to be a matter of choice depending in part on the neck size. The bottle is considered to be "adapted for hot fill in as much as applicant claims any such structure.

3. Claims 19-23, 25-28 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 10 above, and further in view of Robinson EP '823, of record.

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To have optionally formed the container sidewall with planar portions connected by rounded corner portions with insets so that the container might be efficiently stored would have been obvious in view of the teaching Robinson in Figure 19.

4. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the reference as applied to claim 10 above, and further in view of Czesak, of record.

To have merely provided the container with well-know upper and lower bumpers for receiving a label would have been obvious in view of Czesak at 32.

5. Claim 4, 6, 7, 12, 14 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 10 and 25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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